Oxon Hill Farm

U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Capital Parks-East Oxon Cove Park



Programs and Events

Summer & Fall 2014

Daily Programs

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00	Meet the Cow (except 1 st Sun of month)	Meet the Cow (except 3 rd Mon of month)	Meet the Cow (July to Sept only)	Farm Morning (2 nd and 4 th Wed of month only) Meet the Cow (1 st and 3 rd Wed of month only)		Meet the Cow	Meet the Cow
11:00	Wagon Ride (except 1 st Sun of month)	Wagon Ride (except 3 rd Mon of month)	Wagon Ride (July to Sept only)	Wagon Ride (1 st and 3 rd Wed of month only)		Wagon Ride	Wagon Ride
11:30	Chicken & Egg (except 1 st Sun of month)	Chicken & Egg (except 3 rd Mon of month)	Chicken & Egg (July to Sept only)	Chicken & Egg (1 st and 3 rd Wed of month only)			Chicken & Egg
2:30	The Park's Past						The Park's Past

Our daily programs, which are listed in the table above, are free of charge and for all ages. They are offered to organized groups, such as schools, camps, and home school organizations. They are also available for drop-in visits by individuals and small groups. Reservations are required for groups of five or more and must be made at least two weeks in advance. (No reservations are needed at all on weekends.) Programs may be cancelled without prior notice.

Chicken & Egg

Participants will learn about hens and roosters and their life on the farm. They will feed the chickens and see inside the chicken coop. *Limit: 30 participants*.

Farm Morning

Participants will visit stations around the farm area and experience hands-on activities, such as milking the cow, feeding the chickens, grinding corn, and making butter. Wagon rides will be available. *Limit: 100 participants*.



Meet the Cow

Participants will help the park ranger milk the cow and learn about cattle and dairy products. *Limit: 50 participants*.

Wagon Ride

Participants will take a scenic ride though the park and learn about the environment and the park's history. *Limit:* 50 participants.

The Park's Past: An Invitation to Learn the Story of Oxon Cove Park

Participants will see inside the Mount Welby farmhouse and hear some of the fascinating stories that have occurred on the property over the years. *No limit*.



Education Programs

Our education programs, which are described below, are free of charge. They are offered only to organized groups, such as schools, camps, and home school organizations. Reservations are required and must be made at least two weeks in advance.

Exploring the Past at Oxon Cove Park For students in Kindergarten through Grade 6

This program is held at 10:00 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, from October through June. Students will discover what life was like on Mount Welby plantation during the early 1800s. Teachers can choose from fourteen activities based on three overall themes: Slavery and the Underground Railroad, the War of 1812, and Immigration. Pre-site-visit and post-site-visit activities are required to be completed by students. *Limit: 30 participants*.

Animal Life on the Farm

For students in Preschool through Grade 1

This program is held at 10:00 on Tuesdays, from October through June. Students will learn about farm animals and agricultural products. They will meet the dairy cow, feed the chickens, and take a wagon ride through the barnyard area. Prior to the trip, the teacher will pick up an education kit with pre-visit hands-on activities for use in the classroom. *Limit: 30 participants*.

Special Events

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Reptile Round-up

Monday, July 21, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Leaping lizards, slithering snakes, and trudging turtles... they all make a home at Oxon Cove Park. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, come to Oxon Cove Park and discover something new about our cold-blooded, scaly-skinned, furfree reptile friends. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Whooo is Asleep in the Middle of the Day?

Monday, August 18, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Are you nocturnal like an owl, or diurnal like a deer? Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, come to Oxon Cove Park and join Ranger Steph as she looks at the different ways that animals sleep. Shhhhh... Don't wake up the foxes in the woods on your way into the Visitor Barn!

Park Bingo!

Sunday, August 31, 2014 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Ages 5 - 12, and accompanying adults

Five in a row? Bingo! Take a ranger-led walk around Oxon Cove Park and use your observation skills to help you fill in a park bingo card. Meet in the Visitor Barn.

Sunday Shoreline Sweep-up

Sunday, September 7, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. All ages (Young people under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.)

Every first Sunday of the month, join Ranger Steph and your fellow park-lovers as we clean up the trash that finds its way onto the banks of Oxon Cove. Spend your morning in the fresh air, getting some exercise and making a visible difference. Earn service hours needed for your organization. Wear old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. We will provide work gloves. Come alone or bring a group! Come once or every month! Meet in the parking lot. This event is canceled if the weather is inclement.

Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Lucky Duck!

Monday, September 15, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Get your ducks in a row and waddle on over to Oxon Cove Park for a celebration of the quirky quackers of the farm. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, learn about wild and domestic ducks. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

Young African American Lecture Series

Saturday, September 20, 2014 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. All ages

Oxon Cove Park has partnered with a number of local high schools to present our Young African American Lecture Series. This monthly program features scholarly presentations by students on various topics that impact the African American community. At the conclusion of each lecture, a ranger-led discussion will be held. We welcome you to join us this fall as we bring the community together to support the

works of our youth. The program will be held in the education room at Oxon Cove Park's Mount Welby home. Call today to reserve your spot!

National Public Lands Day Clean-Up at Oxon Cove Park

Saturday, September 27, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All ages (Young people under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.)

Every year, thousands of Americans participate in the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort for public lands. This year, join the fun and make help make a difference. Take a tractor-drawn wagon ride down to Oxon Cove and pick up litter along the banks of the Potomac River. Earn service hours needed for your organization! Wear old clothes and shoes that you don't mind getting wet and muddy. We will provide work gloves. For more information, go to http://www.publiclandsday.org. Come alone or bring a group. Meet in the parking lot. This event takes place rain or shine.

Sunday Shoreline Sweep-up

Sunday, October 5, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. All ages (Young people under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.)

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Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Our Native American Indian Heritage

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Did you know that the Piscataway People were expert farmers as well as hunters? Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, visit Oxon Cove Park and find out about the contributions of the first Americans to our culture. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

Sunday Shoreline Sweep-up

Sunday, November 2, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. All ages (Young people under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.)

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Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Talking Turkey!

Monday, November 17, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults

Gobble-gobble! Gobble-gobble! The wild turkeys who live in the woods of Oxon Cove Park love to strut their stuff during the cool days of autumn. Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, join Ranger Steph as she takes a look at the beautiful bird that Benjamin Franklin called "though a little vain & silly, a Bird of Courage." Meet in the Visitor Barn.

Sunday Shoreline Sweep-up

Sunday, December 7, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. All ages (Young people under age 18 must be supervised by an adult.)

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Reading Stories with Ranger Steph: Gift-Giving and Other Ways to Show You Care

Monday, December 15, 2014 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Ages 0 to 5, and accompanying adults.

The holidays are a perfect time to demonstrate how much we care for each other. At Oxon Hill Farm, the animals give us gifts each day, and in return, we give them the care they need. No wrapping paper needed! Every third Monday of the month, come listen to stories, sing songs, and enjoy other activities. This month, we will focus on the words and actions that show we care. Meet Ranger Steph in the Visitor Barn.

Oxon Hill Farm is located at 6411 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, MD, 20745. For more information, call 301.839.1176 or visit http://www.nps.gov/oxhi.